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<b>United States Bankruptcy Court</b> <b>Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division</b>				<b>Voluntary Petition</b>	
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): <b>Hill-Jones, Sheila</b>			Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):		
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):			All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):		
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) /Complete EIN (if more than one, state all): <b>8870</b>			Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) /Complete EIN (if more than one, state all):		
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): <b>3906 Tower Dr</b> <b>Apt C204</b> <b>Richton Park, IL</b>			Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code):		
ZIPCODE <b>60471-1342</b>			ZIPCODE		
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: <b>Cook</b>			County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:		
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address):			Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):		
ZIPCODE			ZIPCODE		
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):					
ZIPCODE					
<b>Type of Debtor</b> (Form of Organization) (Check one box.)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)  <b>Chapter 15 Debtor</b> Country of debtor's center of main interests:  Each country in which a foreign proceeding by, regarding, or against debtor is pending:		<b>Nature of Business</b> (Check one box.)  <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Other  <b>Tax-Exempt Entity</b> (Check box, if applicable.) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a tax-exempt organization under Title 26 of the United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code).		<b>Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed</b> (Check one box.)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding  <b>Nature of Debts</b> (Check one box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or house- hold purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts.	
<b>Filing Fee</b> (Check one box)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached  <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A.  <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (Applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.		<b>Chapter 11 Debtors</b>  <b>Check one box:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).  <b>Check if:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,490,925 (amount subject to adjustment on 4-01-16 and every three years thereafter).  <b>Check all applicable boxes:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).			
<b>Statistical/Administrative Information</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.					<b>THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY</b>
<b>Estimated Number of Creditors</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 100,000					
<b>Estimated Assets</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 to \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 to \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 to \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 to \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 to \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 to \$500 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$1 billion					
<b>Estimated Liabilities</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 to \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 to \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 to \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 to \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 to \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 to \$500 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$1 billion					

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# **Voluntary Petition**

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):  
**Hill-Jones, Sheila**

## **All Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 8 Years** (If more than two, attach additional sheet)

Location  
Where Filed: **Northern District of Illinois**

Case Number:  
**04-29820**

Date Filed:  
**08/11/2004**

Location  
Where Filed: **N/A**

Case Number:

Date Filed:

## **Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor** (If more than one, attach additional sheet)

Name of Debtor:  
**None**

Case Number:

Date Filed:

District:

Relationship:

Judge:

### **Exhibit A**

(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)

☐ Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.

### **Exhibit B**

(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.)

I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

**X /s/ Karen Jackson Porter**

**8/05/15**

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Date

### **Exhibit C**

Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?

☐ Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.  
☒ No

### **Exhibit D**

(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)

☒ Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.

If this is a joint petition:

☐ Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.

### **Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue**

(Check any applicable box.)

- ☒ Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.
- ☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.
- ☐ Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.

### **Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property**

(Check all applicable boxes.)

☐ Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of landlord)

- ☐ Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and
- ☐ Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.
- ☐ Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).

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<b>Voluntary Petition</b> <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>		Name of Debtor(s): <b>Hill-Jones, Sheila</b>	
<b>Signatures</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)</b></p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.                  [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under Chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.                  [If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).                  I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.</p> <p><b>X</b> <u>/s/ Sheila Hill-Jones</u>                  Signature of Debtor <span style="float: right;"><i>Sheila Hill-Jones</i> Sheila Hill-Jones</span></p> <p><b>X</b> _____                  Signature of Joint Debtor  <b>(708) 757-6704</b>                  Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)</p> <p><b>August 5, 2015</b>                  Date</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of a Foreign Representative</b></p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.                  (Check only <b>one</b> box.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. § 1515 are attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.</p> <p><b>X</b> _____                  Signature of Foreign Representative</p> <p>_____                  Printed Name of Foreign Representative</p> <p>_____                  Date</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of Attorney*</b></p> <p><b>X</b> <u>/s/ Karen Jackson Porter</u>                  Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)</p> <p><b>Karen Jackson Porter 6188626</b>  <b>Porter Law Network</b>  <b>230 West Monroe St. Suite 240</b>  <b>Chicago, IL 60606</b></p> <p><b>porterlawnetwork@gmail.com</b></p> <p><b>August 5, 2015</b>                  Date</p> <p><small>*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.</small></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer</b></p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that: 1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; 2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h) and 342(b); and 3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.</p> <p>_____                  Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer</p> <p>_____                  Social Security Number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)</p> <p>_____                  Address</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)</b></p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.</p> <p>The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.</p> <p><b>X</b> _____                  Signature of Authorized Individual</p> <p>_____                  Printed Name of Authorized Individual</p> <p>_____                  Title of Authorized Individual</p> <p>_____                  Date</p>		<p><b>X</b> _____                  Signature</p> <p>_____                  Date</p> <p>Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose social security number is provided above.</p> <p>Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:</p> <p>_____                  If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.</p> <p><i>A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.</i></p>	

BID (Official Form 1, Exhibit D) (12/09)

United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

IN RE:

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Hill-Jones, Sheila

Debtor(s)

Chapter 7

**EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE  
CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT**

**Warning:** You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

*Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.*

- ☒ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*
- ☐ 2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 14 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*
- ☐ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the seven days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Summarize exigent circumstances here.]*

If your certification is satisfactory to the court, you must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the counseling, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. Your case may also be dismissed if the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing.

- ☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*
- ☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);
  - ☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);
  - ☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.
- ☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

**I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.**

Signature of Debtor: /s/ Sheila Hill-Jones

*Sheila Hill-Jones*

Date: August 5, 2015

List of Creditors

Ally Financial  
PO Box 380901  
Bloomington, MN 55438-0901

Capital One Bank USA NA  
PO Box 30281  
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0281

Chase Card  
PO Box 15298  
Wilmington, DE 19850-5298

Macys  
PO Box 8218  
Mason, OH 45040-8218

Ocwen Loan Servicing  
1661 Worthington Rd Ste 100  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409-6493

Select Portfolio Servicing  
3815 S West Temple Ste 2000  
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Springleaf Financial Services  
3641 E 106th St  
Chicago, IL 60617-6638

Synchrony Bank/Care Credit  
C/O  
PO Box 965036  
Orlando, FL 32896-5036

THD/CBNA  
PO Box 6497  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-6497

USAA Savings Bank  
PO Box 33009  
San Antonio, TX 78265-3009

Webbank/DFS  
PO Box 81607  
Austin, TX 78708-1607

Webbank/Fingerhut  
6250 Ridgewood Rd  
Saint Cloud, MN 56303-0820

United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

IN RE:

Hill-Jones, Sheila

Debtor(s)

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 7

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept ..... \$ **1,200.00**

Prior to the filing of this statement I have received ..... \$ **1,200.00**

Balance Due ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. The source of the compensation paid to me was: ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is: ☐ Debtor ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.
- ☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation, is attached.
5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
  - b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
  - c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
  - d. ~~Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters;~~
  - e. [Other provisions as needed]

**The filing fee has been paid**

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above disclosed fee does not include the following services:

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

**August 5, 2015**

Date

**/s/ Karen Jackson Porter**

Karen Jackson Porter 6188626  
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August 5, 2015

Shelia Hill-Jones  
21538 Olivia Avenue  
Sauk Village, IL 60411

**AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES:  
CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY CASE**

**THIS IS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING LEGAL FEES**

Lawyers are required, under the Rules of Professional Conduct, to communicate to a client the basis for the legal fees and the hourly rates that they will charge when beginning the representation of a client. This is a binding legal contract that governs our attorney client relationship

Chapter 7 gives debtors important rights, such as stopping the collection efforts of creditors and discharging - but Chapter 7 also puts burdens on debtors, such as the burden of making full and complete disclosures of their financial situation. It is important for debtors who file a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case to understand their rights and responsibilities in bankruptcy. In this connection, advice of an attorney is often crucial. Debtors are entitled to expect certain services to be performed by their attorneys, but again, debtors have responsibilities to their attorneys also. Please make sure that you read this agreement carefully and understand all its terms. By signing this agreement, debtors and attorneys accept these responsibilities. Your signature at the end of this agreement is an acknowledgment that you read this agreement and understand it.

**ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES**

We agree to represent you in connection with a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case. We agree to provide the legal services necessary to file a chapter 7 case for you, prepare the bankruptcy schedules and statement of financial affairs, attend the meeting of creditors, assist you with your creditors and seek a chapter 7 discharge of your debts.

The legal fee for the chapter 7 case will be \$865.00 plus the filing fee of \$335.00. You must pay the legal fee and the filing fee, a total of \$1200.00 before we will file the chapter 7 case for you.

We consider the legal fee an advance retainer under Illinois. We will deposit the legal fee into our operating account. We consider the legal fee for the chapter 7 bankruptcy case earned upon receipt. You have the right to request that the legal fee be placed into our client trust account. However, that request may affect the amount that we charge for your chapter 7 case.



### **BEFORE THE CASE IS FILED**

You agree to fully cooperate with us with respect to the Chapter 7 case. You agree to provide us with full, complete and accurate information, financial and otherwise. When you file a case, you are required to completely and honestly disclose to the Court, and in documents publicly available, all the creditors that you owe and all of the property that you own. You must list all creditors and lessors regardless of the status of each obligation; you must include all obligations, however informal, to friends or family.

You understand that we will not be able to provide adequate representation if you fail to provide us with complete and accurate information, fail to fully cooperate with us, or fail to fulfill your obligations as a Chapter 7 debtor. You further understand that your failure to provide information, to cooperate with us or to fulfill your duties during the Chapter 7 case may increase the costs of the legal services we render, or may result in the Chapter 7 case being dismissed by the Court.

We must counsel you regarding the advisability of filing either a Chapter 13 or a Chapter 7 case, discuss both procedures and answer your questions. We must inform you that filing a Chapter 7 case may have an adverse effect on your credit score and may impair your credit rating for as long as ten years. We must inform you that the Porter Law Network does not provide legal services relating to credit, credit reporting or credit repair. We will not be able to assist you with your credit or credit related issues that are not specifically related to the filing of the Chapter 7 bankruptcy case.

We will personally review and sign the completed petition, bankruptcy schedules statement of financial affairs and as well as amendments thereto, whether filed with the petition or later. (The schedules may be initially prepared with the help of clerical or paralegal staff of the Porter Law Network but the personal attention of the attorney is required for the review and signing.) We will timely prepare and file your petition, schedules, statements and schedules.

We must advise you of the need to maintain appropriate insurance for your home and any vehicle that you own or drive.

### **JOINT OBLIGATIONS WITH OTHERS**

You may have joint debts with family members or friends such as someone that cosigned an obligation for you or someone that allows you to use their credit card. If that is the case, your filing a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case may adversely impact that person's credit or credit report. You may also have bills or debts that are not in your name but in the name of a family member or friend, such as a telephone bill or utility bill. Please be informed that the bankruptcy case and the automatic stay which stops the collection efforts of creditors applies only to the person filing bankruptcy. Therefore, the bankruptcy case will not apply to bills or debts that are not in your name. Such creditors are able to pursue collections efforts in the normal course of business.

## **DISCLOSURE**

You are required to completely and honestly disclose to us, to the Court and in publicly available documents all the creditors that you owe. This disclosure includes obligations that are not delinquent and obligations, however informal, to friends or to family members. You must disclose all property that you own, whether solely or joint with others.

## **NONDISCHARGEABILITY**

We have informed you that the following types of debt may not be discharged in a Chapter 7 case: 1) federal taxes; 2) state taxes; 3) student loans; 4) alimony and domestic support obligations; 5) restitution arising out of a criminal conviction, 6) debts for death, personal injury caused while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; 7) certain fines, penalties and administrative judgments. In addition, debts and obligations affected by fraud or maliciousness or certain debts incurred in connection with property settlements arising out of a separation agreement or divorce decree are not automatically excluded from discharge. Creditors must ask the Court to determine that these debts or obligations are excepted from discharge. In the absence of an affirmative request by the creditor and subsequent granting of the request by the Court, these types of debt or obligations may be discharged.

We must inform you that a Chapter 7 discharge will only discharge those debts that existed before the case is filed and are properly included in the Schedules filed with the Court. If you fail to disclose a debt to us or incur new debt, neither will be discharged and you will be responsible to the creditors. If you fail to pay those creditors, you will remain subject to collection efforts.

Our legal services for this chapter 7 case do not include representing you if a creditor files an adversary proceeding to determine that a debt is not dischargeable.

## **AFTER THE CASE IS FILED**

You agree to appear punctually at the meeting of creditors (also called the #341 meeting with recent proof of income, a picture identification card and a social security card. You must be present in time for check-in and when your case is called for the actual examination.

You will notify us of any change in your address or telephone number.

You must complete a Personal Financial Management Course. This is a different course than the Consumer Credit Counseling Course that you took to become eligible to file the Chapter 7 case. There is a separate fee paid to the course provider. This course must be completed before receiving a discharge. If you complete the course after receiving a discharge, the Court will charge a fee of \$260.00 to reopen your case.

We will advise you of the requirement to attend the meeting of creditors, and notify you of the date, time and location of the meeting.

We will timely submit to the Chapter 7 Trustee properly documented proof of your income.

We will timely prepare, file and serve any necessary amended statements and schedules and any change of address, in accordance with information provided by you.

We will provide any other legal services necessary for the administration of your case before the Bankruptcy Court. However, we will not represent you in connection with an adversary proceeding filed against you by a creditor.

#### **FINAL MATTERS.**

If we believe that you are not complying with your responsibilities under this agreement or are otherwise not engaging in proper conduct, we may apply for a Court Order allowing us to withdraw from the case.

Either party may terminate this agreement with or without cause at any time. The termination of this agreement will not change your obligation to pay for the legal services we have performed for you. In the event this agreement is terminated by you, we will return all files in our possession provided you have paid all outstanding legal fees and expenses.

**Porter Law Network**

By: 

Karen J. Porter

Accepted and agreed to

By: 

Shelia Hill Jones